



# Alternate Channel

*The newsletter for and about the members of the*  
**LOUDOUN COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SYSTEM**

**JULY 2002**



**Group photograph of some of the  
award winners at the Annual Fire &  
Rescue Service Awards Banquet on  
May 16th.**

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All photographs courtesy of  
Scott Brazier**

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## Annual Fire & Rescue Service Awards

The Annual Fire and Rescue Service Awards Banquet was held on Thursday, May 16th at the Holiday Inn-Leesburg. Doug Rambo, the Master of Ceremonies and the Chair of the Fire & Rescue Commission, shared the following with the audience:

Loudoun County is in the midst of meeting some of the largest challenges in its 200-year history. The explosion of our community has brought the challenges of managing transportation, expanding our schools, providing adequate health care, and developing adequate recreational opportunities. The most critical challenges that we face are associated with meeting the basic public safety needs of our community.

As you all know, our fire and rescue system has embarked on a path that will change and enhance the way that we provide services to our community. While we may occasionally differ on some of the principles or the details of how we should meet our challenges, our system must share core values that will guide us on a path to our future. Without those values, we would forever be lost seeking magic answers in a universe of possible solutions. With them, we will be able to steer a successful course. I would like to discuss a few of those virtues with you this evening.

The first virtue that I believe we must hold as a system is our SELF-LESSNESS. We often place our community, our friends, and our comrades above ourselves, often at the cost of our own careers, our health, our safety, and perhaps even our lives. We have no better illustration of SELFLESSNESS than the sacrifices made by our New York City comrades on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September. Their devotion will never be forgotten.

**TRUST is the second virtue that we all must share. We must trust that the Board of Supervisors and the County will provide us with the freedom and tools that we need to flourish as volunteer and career emergency medical technicians and firefighters. We must trust our leaders to guide our growth as providers, give us opportunities to become officers, and protect us from harm. We must trust each other with our lives.**

ENTHUSIASM for our service is the third virtue that must propel each of us. Only special people can share the many tragedies of our mission and still remain steadfast and excited about our purpose. One of my favorite authors, Ralph Waldo Emerson once said "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." The advances that we must make as a system must be driven by excitement and commitment to our common cause.

The fourth virtue we must share is a willingness to accept RESPONSIBILITY for our community's needs. There are numerous competitors for our attention: family commitments, career advancement, and educational opportunities to name just a few. The Washington area is alive with distractions. The temptations associated with these distractions affect the success many volunteer organizations. The willingness of our leaders and members to honor their responsibilities despite the temptations of other opportunities continues to set us apart.

We must apply INGENUITY to the problems that we face. As a system, we look for solutions to problems in unusual places. We must prepare for the unexpected just in case it happens. We must adapt in order to overcome adversity. We must seek answers where others cannot see questions.

The final virtue we must share is GRACE. I have seen humanity and humility take many forms in our fire and rescue system. I have seen the humanity of our providers easing the mind of a stranger or finding someone

## Arcola Hosts Live Fire Training Multi-Company Drill

On Saturday April 25, 2002, Company 9 hosted a live fire training drill on Ryan Road. Oakridge Builders donated a brick ranch style house with a partial basement to the department for training. NFPA 1403 standards were followed and a total of six evolutions were performed with "room and contents" fires. Volunteer and career members from Arcola, South Riding, and Middleburg participated in the drill. This is the type of exercise that promotes unity and a strong combination system. The training focused on direct defensive fire attack as well as fire ground accountability and communication. Ambulance 9-1 provided EMS support, medical monitoring, and rehab. Everyone involved had a great time and when it was all over, there was nothing to be seen but sooty, smiling faces. An article was written about the training in the Loudoun Extra section of the *Washington Post* (May 5).

Submitted By:  
Matt Shultz, Fire Chief



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Arcola's Live Fire Training

*Photograph Courtesy of Ben Sauls*

### Fire Council Notes June 19, 2002

#### Fire Council Elections:

Chair: Mickey Buchanan  
Vice Chair: Jim Cunningham  
Sec/Treas: Karen Spalding  
Executive Committee Rep: Stanley Lickey  
Fire Commissioner Batt 3: Bill Swartz  
Fire Commissioner Batt 4: Joe Habib

#### New Business:

New Dispatch Protocols went into effect on June 10. The Box Areas currently being used are temporary and will be changed when the computer based program is up and running. Temporary maps will be distributed to each company.

Discussed automatic fire alarm activations at Nursing Homes and Hospitals. The cur-

rent policy states that fire alarms will get the same response as a reported fire. The Fire Council voted to change dispatch policy for automatic fire alarms to:

1-Engine Co. and 1-Truck Co. in hydrant areas

1-Engine Co., 1-Tanker and 1-Truck Co. in non-hydrant areas

This will be forwarded to the EMS Council and the Commission. Dispatch policy will remain the same for reported fires.

Fire Programs funds have been released by VA Dept of Fire Programs and should be received by the companies in the next two weeks. The delay was caused by companies not submitting their expenditure reports on time.

Next meeting will be July 17 at 19:30 hours at the Training Center.

# August 2002

## Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meetings of the Loudoun County Fire & Rescue System

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Company 15	2	3
4 Company 14	5 Companies 1,3,5,6,11,16	6 <b>Fire-Rescue Commission</b>	7 Companies 13 & 17	8	9	10
11	12 Companies 2,7,8,9,12 <b>BLS Committee</b>	13 <b>Rescue Chiefs Retention &amp; Recruitment Committee</b>	14 Company 10	15	16	17
18	19 Company 1 <b>ALS Committee</b>	20 <b>EMS Council</b>	21 <b>Fire Council</b>	22	23	24
25	26 Companies 4 & 8	27 <b>Fire-Rescue Commission Workshop</b>	28 <b>Peer Review Committee</b>	29	30	31

### FIRE & RESCUE SCHEDULED TRAINING

#### AHA CPR-Healthcare Provider

Class #4-July 20, 2002

Class #5-August 18, 2002

Class #6-October 19, 2002

Class #7-December 8, 2002

#### ALS Protocols, Policies & Procedures Update-Mandatory-

**Pick Only 1 Session:**

Saturday, July 6, 2002

Tuesday, July 9, 2002

Thursday, July 11, 2002

Thursday, July 18, 2002

Wednesday, July 24, 2002

Monday, July 29, 2002

Starts July 11, 2002:

Hazardous Materials: Operations

July 20, 2002:

Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals (PEPP)-BLS

July 28, 2002:

AED/Combi-Tube Instructor

***A BIG THANK YOU  
for the articles!  
Please keep the articles  
& photos coming!***

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and Photographs to  
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**or**

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**Submission Deadline  
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## **Philomont Wagon 8**

Article by  
Pete West, Co. 8 and  
Mike Sanders, Co. 6

Philomont's new Wagon 8 was delivered in March of 2002 and is a welcome addition to the Philomont Volunteer Fire Department. Wagon 8 was designed by Philomont members and built by Kovatch Mobile Equipment (or KME) of Nesquehoning, Pennsylvania.

Wagon 8 has a 1250 gpm pump, 750 gallons of water, and a 40-gallon foam tank. In the roomy cab is seating for six firefighters and there are also two large cabinets built within the cab to store tools and equipment. Because Philomont is located in a rural area of Loudoun County, Wagon 8 carries three hard sleeves to help in reaching streams or ponds for water supply. Two of the hard sleeves are stored inside interior compartments located at the back of the truck and one is carried outside on the officer's side. In addition to the hard sleeves, unique to Wagon 8 are four 6 inch intakes (one on each side) enabling easy and quick access to water from any side of the engine while drafting.

The new Wagon 8 will be replacing Philomont's lime and white 1985 Ford C/Emergency One engine that will be sold. Philomont purchased the '85 Ford from Burke, Virginia.

Wagon 8 is the second KME in service within Loudoun County. Neersville Wagon 16 currently runs a 1989 KME on an International chassis and Purcellville has on order a KME tower ladder.



Philomont's New Wagon 8      *Photograph Courtesy of Mike Sanders*



## ***Annual Fire & Rescue Service Awards Continued from Page 2***

shelter after they have been displaced by fire. I have witnessed the concern and care of our system as disasters threaten. You only need to see the concern in the eyes of a firefighter, an EMT, or one of our chaplains convince yourself that our service is special.

Each of the virtues must define us as a system. September 11<sup>th</sup> taught us much about ourselves. We learned that our bonds of SELFLESSNESS, TRUST, ENTHUSIASM, RESPONSIBILITY, INGENUITY, and GRACE can overcome overwhelming adversity. I spent 30 hours in Loudoun's Emergency Operations Center on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of September and I saw that despite the danger and uncertainty that we all faced, we were all together.

### **Fire Council Advisory Council Awards**

Shirley Flippo of the Loudoun County Fire Advisory Council presented the following fire service awards:

### **Hall of Fame - Posthumously to Martin Beasley**

Martin assisted in coordinating and hosted the first meeting of the Loudoun County Fire Association where the officers were elected in 1958. He held the position of the Association's 2nd president which he served in for 3 years. Martin was a member of the Arcola Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company 9 where he served as President for 9 years.

### **Hall of Fame - Edward "Snooks" Swain**

Ed is a Life member of the Middleburg Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company 3. He represented Company 3 at the Loudoun County Fire Association for many years until the association became the Loudoun County Fire Advisory Council where he served approximately 5 more years.

### **The John C. Carr Memorial Award – Oliver "O.R." Robert Dube'**

O. R. or Bob, was Loudoun County's first Fire Marshal and took on many other duties, one being the Civil Defense Director. Back then, the only career personnel were Bob and a few dispatchers. He served as the liaison between the volunteers and the County and submitted the fire-rescue system budget for funding. He later became the Director of the Department of Fire & Rescue Services. During his tenure, planning and design of the Fire-Rescue Training Center was completed and land was purchased. The Communications system was upgraded at the same time.

### **Loudoun County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council Awards**

Leo Kelly, Chair of the Loudoun County EMS Advisory Council spoke and presented the awards on behalf of the council:

Once a year, we take the time to recognize and thank the members of our fire-rescue system for their service and dedication to the community we live in.

Like the national figures, Loudoun County's Emergency Medical Services System accounts for well over 2/3 of all fire and rescue incidents in the County.

In order to meet these demands of the community we must have in place an effective EMS System.



*Edward "Snooks" Swain receives the Fire Hall of Fame Award from Shirley*

This system involves multiple components that are necessary to ensure its effectiveness.

These components include:

1. The appropriate selection of system members.
2. Effective and consistent Basic and Advanced Life Support training programs for both volunteer and career personnel.
3. Operational Protocols
4. An effective Operational Medical Director and Medical Oversight.
5. An effective EMS system response and management with peer oversight and input.
6. A quality assurance peer review system that continually evaluates the services provided to ensure quality care and methods to improve the care.

Tonight, we recognize those individuals who have made a significant difference in our County Emergency Medical Services System and who have made a significant difference in the care that we have provided to our community.

### **Patty Russell**

To my predecessor as Chair of the Loudoun County EMS Advi-

sory Council for 2001. Patty continues to serve on the Executive Board of the Council.

### **Donald A. Sabella, MD**

Since 1984, Donald Sabella, MD, has served as the Volunteer Medical Director of the Loudoun County Emergency Medical Services System. Unlike the name only Medical Directors in other jurisdictions, Dr. Sabella has always played an active role in the direction, training and quality assurance of the EMS system in Loudoun County. For 18 years he has served as the Volunteer Operational Medical Director in Loudoun County for the EMS Council and its member agencies. Loudoun County has always been the envy of our adjoining sister jurisdictions because of the aggressive approach to patient care permitted as an extension of Dr. Sabella's license.

To Dr. Sabella we can only say a simple thank you for your continued service and dedication to the members of our system and the Loudoun County Community.

### **Linda Hale, Captain**

The EMT/B program is the

foundation of our EMS System and provides the basic knowledge and confidence for our system members to provide emergency care to the members of our community. It is important that all programs be consistent and provide accurate information to prepare the participants to deal with the many emergencies they will face on emergency calls. While all of our EMT/B Instructors and Instructor Adjuncts play an important role in our educational system this individual has stood out this year for their exceptional and above the call of duty roles they have played in the preparation of and re-certification of our basic life support personnel.

On behalf of the Loudoun County EMS Council I award the EMT/B Instructor of the Year Award to Captain Linda Hale.

#### **Jose' Salazar**

We have always taken pride in our Advanced Life Support System in Loudoun County. Once again, how well the system works is dependent on how well the ALS providers are trained and prepared to manage the many critical ALS Emergencies they will face. Over the past several years, the national and state curriculums have been changed requiring many adjustments to our local programs. We have been fortunate to have an individual who has been on top of these changes and made sure that our voice and opinions were conveyed to those who have developed the curriculums at the state level. In addition, he has ensured that our ALS programs have been conducted in an effective manner and that the participants have been prepared to meet the needs of the community.

On behalf of the Loudoun County EMS Council I award the ALS Instructor of the Year Award to Jose Salazar.

The **Clark J. Deener Memorial Award** was started in 1983, to



*Michael Gammill receives the Clark J. Deener Award from Doug Rambo*

recognize members of the Emergency Medical Services System who have made significant contributions to the entire EMS System. Tonight we will add the twenty-second name to the list of distinguished individuals who have received the top honor of our EMS Community.

Doug Rambo, Chairman of the Loudoun County Fire-Rescue Commission and the 1989, Clark Deener recipient will now present the award for 2002: Each year, the Loudoun County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council recognizes the contributions of a member of our system through the presentation of the Clark Deener Memorial Award. The award was established in 1983 by the EMS Council in memory of Clark Deener, a Lovettsville volunteer who was instrumental in beginning the County's first citizen CPR program. Former recipients of this award meet annually to discuss contributions to the County's emergency medical system and to select a recipient. The Deener Award is not meant to recognize the volunteer who responds to the greatest number of emergency calls, but rather to acknowledge the person who is motivated to improve the quality of the County's emergency medical system. Recognition is granted for leadership within our system as demonstrated through operational support, service to the County, training, and other activities benefiting all of Loudoun's citizens. This year, I again have the honor of presenting the Clark Deener Memorial Award.

I first met this year's recipient in the mid-1980's. Since my first meeting, I have been frequently reminded of the commitment of our recipient to the excellence of our EMS system. While there were ample opportunities to just respond to emergency calls, our recipient chose to share talents with our system. Our recipient has served a company as a President and a Chief, but more importantly, as a mentor to new EMS providers. Our recipient has served on the EMS Council as a delegate but more importantly, has played a pivotal role in training a generation of EMS providers. This provider continues to touch the lives of our community by responding to medical emergencies. I am convinced through my 15-year association with our recipient, that the quality of our system, our providers, and our leaders remains his ultimate goal. **In gratitude for his contributions to the Loudoun County emergency medical system, I am honored to present Michael Gammill with the 2002 Clark Deener Memorial Award.**

*Middleburg Ambulance Service Awards*  
were also presented to the members attending the banquet.

And as usual the food and company was great!

Hope to see more system members attend next years award banquet.

### **Attention All Volunteer Companies**

Some of the Companies are still using the old Volunteer Membership Packets which lists the old phone number for the new volunteer to call for scheduling an appointment for their Heart-Lung-Cancer Screening Physical. This is causing a lot of problems for your new members and INOVA medical personnel.

Please ensure your Volunteer Membership Packets advises the new member to call:

**Tara Johnson**  
**703-279-4379**

Please utilize the new Volunteer Certification/Action Form and Beneficiary Form. These forms provide information the old forms did not.

Thank you!

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## **CAD STREETS**

Belmont, Co.6 1<sup>st</sup> Due Area:  
Pumpkin Ridge Ct

Brambleton, Co.9 1<sup>st</sup> Due Area:

Ashton Woods Dr  
Bobolink Al  
Dragonfly Al  
Eagle Watch Ct  
Falcon Ridge Ct  
Glenside Dr  
Golden Plover Ct  
Goldenrod Dr  
Green Teal Ct  
Lantana Dr  
Legacy Park Dr  
Lupine Al  
Minerva Dr  
Mirror Pond Pl  
Olympia Dr  
Pipkin Al  
Regal Wood Dr

Cameron Chase, Co.6 1<sup>st</sup> Due Area:  
Ice Rink Plaza

Fairfield @ Silo Creek, Co.6 1<sup>st</sup> Due Area:

Green Stable Sq  
Omeara Tr  
Silo Creek Tr  
MFR Company, Co.6 1<sup>st</sup> Due

## Area:

Cisco Ln  
Turner Farm Ln

Lansdowne on the Potomac, Co.6 1<sup>st</sup> Due Area:

Chartier Dr  
Collett Mill Ct  
Red House Dr

Loudoun Valley Estates, Co.9 1<sup>st</sup> Due Area:

Harper Manor Ct  
Welbourne Woods Dr  
Zulla Chase Pl

River Bank Woods, Co.18/ Co.25 1<sup>st</sup> Due Area:

Five Oaks Ct  
Hilltop Oaks Ct  
Mason Oak Ct  
Meadow Island Pl  
Noland Woods Ct  
River Oaks Dr

River Creek, Co.1/Co.13 1<sup>st</sup> Due Area:

Castle Harbour Tr  
Cypress Point Tr  
Glenoak Wy  
Riviera Wy  
Tuckaway Pl

## Street name changes:

Chartier St is now Chartier Dr

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